

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Typical rubber hoses, for example, made of blended product of acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber and polyvinyl chloride (NBR/PVC blend) which is excellent in resistance to gasoline permeability, have been used for conveying fuel for automobiles or the like in view of their high vibration-absorbability, easy assembling or the like. However, for the purpose of global environment protection, the regulations have been recently tightened against permeation of fuel for automobiles or the like, and are anticipated to be further tightened in the future. Further, hoses are demanded to meet the requirements to convey highly permeable fluid such as hydrogen gas used in fuel cells or carbon dioxide (CO₂) refrigerant.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Then it is anticipated to be difficult to satisfy the future requirements with hoses made only of organic materials such as rubber or resin.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The socket fitting 16 or the sleeve of the socket fitting 16 extends longitudinally of the hose 10 a distance L rightward or in a direction away from an end of the hose body 12 from an inserting end of the insert pipe 18 with respect to the hose body 12, i.e., from the right-hand end thereof as seen in Fig. 2. As shown in Figs. 1-4, the distance L is preferably equal to or greater than the combined width of three adjacent corrugations or three pitch lengths for adjacent corrugations.--